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## GENERAL

1. Chinese contemplating appeal to UN--The Chinese representative at the UN has informed the US delegation that the National Government is contemplating appealing to the UN Security Council regarding Soviet aid to the Chinese Communists. The Chinese representative indicated that the Government considers that such an appeal would have great importance in convincing Chinese "fellow travellers" that the independence of their country is at stake; however, the representative fears that the appeal might interfere with US aid to the National Government. Secretary Marshall told the representative that the US would support China in the Security Council if the National Government makes such an appeal. The US delegation expresses its concern over the ability of the Chinese Government to furnish convincing proof for its case.

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Possible revolt in Taiwan—

[ ] has informed the US Consulate General in Shanghai that if Nanking falls Taiwanese patriots will stage a non-Communist independence uprising. Source declared that the Taiwanese would see that no harm came to US nationals, but warned that US aid in the removal of Nationalist officials and armed forces from China to Taiwan would be interpreted as an act to thwart the independence movement. Source indicated that certain high Nationalist officials have asked for his help in setting up the National Government in Taiwan. He expressed the view that the National Government would not move to Taiwan, where it would become "trapped" on unfriendly ground, unless it were assured of increased US aid.

According to US Embassy Nanking, the Chinese Air Force and Navy plan to establish their principal bases in Taiwan if Nanking falls. The Embassy believes that the Nationalists could hold Taiwan against possible Communist attack for an almost indefinite period, but warns that an influx of mainland Chinese officials into Taiwan would precipitate disturbances which may reach "considerable proportions."

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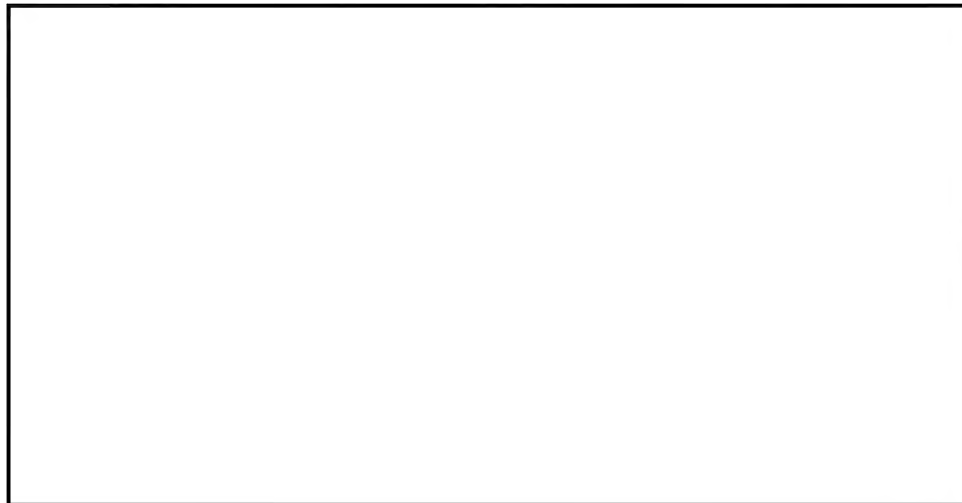
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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the crumbling position of Chiang Kai-shek's Government, coupled with the hatred of the Taiwanese for the mainland Chinese, has very likely set the stage for a revolt in Taiwan. The uprising might easily be set off by the movement of Nationalist forces into Taiwan.)

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#### NEAR EAST - AFRICA

3. PALESTINE: Arabs may be willing to negotiate -- The Prime Minister of Transjordan has informed US Representative Stabler that all the delegations at a recent Arab League meeting appeared to consider that further postponement of a Palestine settlement would not be advantageous to the Arabs. The Prime Minister feels that the 16 November UN resolution (which urges an armistice, with a demilitarized area between Arab and Jewish forces) might provide an opening for the Arabs to commence negotiations with the Jews. The Prime Minister declared that if the other Arab states agreed to negotiate with the Jews and wished to place the blame on Transjordan for such a move, Transjordan would not object.

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